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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAVID T. SCHULTZ  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
**(STATUS CONFERENCE)**

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1 MS. ZIMMERMAN: I just want to make sure that we  
2 are aware of kind of how we have scheduling orders, what  
3 we're going -- what we're going to do about cases that we're  
4 moving forward.

5 THE COURT: I -- and I think that before -- before  
6 you speak, let me say this.

7 Whatever generated that particular judge's  
8 question, I can tell you that in my view, unequivocally, any  
9 Plaintiff can get a fair hearing and trial against 3M in the  
10 District of Minnesota.

11 To the extent that that -- that there is a  
12 perception that that might not be the case, you know, I -- I  
13 share the Plaintiffs' view that we should do what all is  
14 appropriate to make it clear that that is an uninformed  
15 opinion.

16 That's not to say that Plaintiffs will always be  
17 pleased with every ruling they're going to get.

18 Frankly, you've been battered and bruised over the  
19 course of the months that I've been involved in this. And  
20 to the extent that that's me, it's not because I dislike the  
21 Plaintiffs or their Counsel.

22 But Mr. Hulse, you want to weigh in?

23 MR. HULSE: I do not, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Okay. I will tell you -- well, I  
25 probably better not. Never mind.